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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-sixth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 19 October to 6 November 1992. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 19 October 1992, at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-sixth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its forty-fifth session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its forty-sixth session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 12 to 16 October 1992.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

6. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning second and third periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the forty-sixth session; and to give further consideration to a draft general comment relating to article 25 of the Covenant.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-sixth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Ireland	Initial report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/68/Add.3)
Egypt	Second periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/51/Add.5)
Guinea	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.2)
Afghanistan	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.5)
Romania	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.15)
Uruguay	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.4)
Hungary	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.7)
Japan	Third periodic report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/70/Add.1)
Norway	Third periodic report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/70/Add.2)
Dominican Republic	Third periodic report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/70/Add.3)
Jordan	Third periodic report due in 1992	(CCPR/C/76/Add.1)
Mexico	Third periodic report due in 1992	(CCPR/C/76/Add.2)

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya and the Gambia which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the forty-fifth session (31 July 1992) but have not yet been received

Initial reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Gabon	20 April 1984	16
Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	7
Somalia	23 April 1991	2
Malta	12 December 1991	1
Haiti	5 May 1992	-

Second periodic reports

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1983	18
Bulgaria	28 April 1984	17
Cyprus	18 August 1984	17
Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	17
New Zealand - Cook Islands	27 March 1985	6
Gambia	21 June 1985	15
Suriname	2 August 1985	14
Lebanon	21 March 1986	14
Kenya	11 April 1986	13
Mali	11 April 1986	13
Jamaica	1 August 1986	11
Netherlands-Antilles	31 October 1986	5
Guyana	10 April 1987	11

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Iceland	30 October 1987	10
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	9
El Salvador	31 December 1988	7
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	6
Gabon a/	20 April 1989	6
Congo	4 January 1990	5
Zambia	9 July 1990	4
Bolivia	13 July 1990	4
Togo	23 August 1990	4
Republic of Cameroon	26 September 1990	4
Viet Nam	31 July 1991	2
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 October 1991	2
San Marino	17 January 1992	1
Niger	6 June 1992	-
Sudan	17 June 1992	-
Third periodic reports		
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March 1988	-
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya b/	4 February 1988	9
Lebanon b/	21 March 1988	9
Bulgaria b/	28 April 1989	6
Cyprus b/	18 August 1989	6
Syrian Arab Republic b/	18 August 1989	6
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990	5
New Zealand	27 March 1990	5
Gambia b/	21 June 1990	4
Mauritius	18 July 1990	4
Suriname b/	2 August 1990	4
Denmark	1 November 1990	4
Italy	1 November 1990	4
Venezuela	1 November 1990	-
El Salvador b/	28 February 1991	3
Barbados	11 April 1991	3
Kenya b/	11 April 1991	3
Mali b/	11 April 1991	3
United Republic of Tanzania	11 April 1991	-
Nicaragua	11 June 1991	2
Zaire	31 July 1991	2
Jamaica b/	1 August 1991	2
Portugal	1 August 1991	2
Costa Rica	1 August 1991	2
Sri Lanka	10 September 1991	2
Netherlands	31 October 1991	2
Australia	12 November 1991	1
France	3 February 1992	1
India	31 March 1992	1
Panama	31 March 1992	1
Guyana b/	10 April 1992	1
Rwanda	10 April 1992	1
Madagascar	31 July 1992	-

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's forty-fifth session (31 July 1992) and the closing date of its forty-sixth session (6 November 1992)

Initial reports

State party	Date due
Zimbabwe	12 August 1992
Nepal	13 August 1992

Second periodic reports

Argentina	7 November 1992

Third periodic reports

Central African Republic	7 August 1992
Iceland b/	30 October 1992

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-sixth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Burundi (initial report)	CCPR/C/68/Add.2	Monday, p.m. Wednesday, p.m.	19 October 1992 21 October 1992
Senegal (third periodic)	CCPR/C/64/Add.5	Tuesday, a.m./p.m. Wednesday, a.m.	20 October 1992 21 October 1992
Venezuela (second periodic)	CCPR/C/37/Add.14	Thursday, a.m./p.m. Friday, a.m.	22 October 1992 23 October 1992
Luxembourg (second periodic)	CCPR/C/57/Add.4	Monday, a.m./p.m.	26 October 1992
United Republic of Tanzania (second periodic)	CCPR/C/42/Add.12	Tuesday, a.m./p.m. Wednesday, a.m.	27 October 1992 28 October 1992
Niger (initial report)	CCPR/C/45/Add.4	Wednesday, p.m. Friday, p.m.	28 October 1992 30 October 1992
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (second periodic)	CCPR/C/28/Add.15	Thursday, a.m./p.m. Friday, a.m.	29 October 1992 30 October 1992

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-sixth session.

Under this item, the Committee will also continue consideration of a draft general comment on article 18 of the Covenant and review any other draft general comment that may be submitted to it by its working group.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and forty-one communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 49 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 99 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

6. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will consider any further contributions it may wish to make to the preparatory process. It will have before it the report of the third meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

Notes

a/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received.

b/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.